



KATHY AINSWORTH
Stair in chase.

Bombing Try Leaves 1 Dead, 3 Wounded

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MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP)—

A young Alabama fugitive wielding a submachine gun and a pistol was seriously injured and his woman companion was killed yesterday by police staked out at the home of a prominent Jewish businessman to guard against nightriders.

Police Chief C. L. "Roy" Gunn said he believed that 11 recent acts of violence in Meridian have been solved with the arrest of 22-year-old Thomas Albert Tarrants III of Mobile, Ala.

He said Tarrants also has been sought in connection with other bombing incidents in Mississippi.

Tarrants was charged with the attempted murder of Patrolman J. M. Hatcher, Jr., who was wounded twice in the stomach and chest after his patrol car rammed Tarrants' car.

One of the bullets lodged in Hatcher's heart.

Found shot to death on the floorboard of Tarrants' car was his companion, identified as Kathy Ainsworth, 26, a fifth-grade school teacher in Jackson, Miss.

A NEIGHBOR who went

outside to see what was going on was hit in a spray of bullets. He is Navy Machinists Mate 2nd Class Robert E. Burton, formerly of Fulton, Mo. Hatcher and Burton were hospitalized in critical condition.

The shooting started at 1 a. m. yesterday at the ranch-style home of Meyer Davidson, 51, who led in raising a \$75,000 reward for information in the bombing of Temple Beth Israel in Meridian earlier this year.

Chief Gunn said that 15 police officers in black polo shirts were hidden around the

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house and noticed a car stopped on a lane about 50 feet from the house.

THEY SAW A man get out and carry a box toward the carport of the Davidson home. They ordered him to halt. Instead, he dropped the box, whipped out a pistol and fled in his car with police shooting at him.

Officers Hatcher and T. E. Tucker led the chase through hilly suburban streets. After 15 blocks, the officers rammed their car into the rear of the fleeing auto, slamming it into the front yard of a Negro home.

Tarrants began firing a German-made 9-mm. submachine gun, Hatcher fell. Tarrants dashed from one yard to another, firing at the police who returned the fire. The Navy man, Burton, opened his door and was shot.

POLICE FOUND Tarrants in a pool of blood in the backyard of a house. Mrs. Ainsworth's body was found in the car.

A loaded pistol and a Ku Klux Klan membership card was found in her purse, the chief said.

Chief Gunn said the department "received a great reward for the stakeouts we've done for several months." The Davidson home had been

guarded for several days, but Gunn declined to comment where else there were stakeouts.

TARRANTS HAD been sought as a fugitive from justice. He was arrested at Collins, Miss., last Dec. 2 with Sam Bowers Jr., the head of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, now under sentence in two other civil rights cases.

Police said last December Tarrants was arrested on a reckless driving charge. Officers said then they found an M3 submachine gun in the car occupied by Tarrants and Bowers.

Tarrants was a suspect in a series of bombings in the state, police said, including the bombings of the Meridian synagogue, Temple Beth Israel in Jackson and the homes of three members of a biracial group, the Committee of Concern.

THE DYNAMITE bomb left on the Davidson's carport — 29 sticks wired to a clock set for 2 a. m. — was defused by officers minutes after the battle.

The Davidsons were not at home during the stakeout. They arrived later in the morning. Davidson said he assumed the bombing attempt was directly related to the bombings of the synagogues.

Chief Gunn said a notebook was found in one of Tarrants' pockets that read:

"Gentlemen:

"I have committed myself to defeating the Communist-Jew conspiracy which threatens our country—any means necessary shall be used."

The notebook was not addressed to anyone. It added that Tarrants was forced to go underground because he was "framed" on federal charges of violating the National Firearms Act after his arrest with Bowers.

Segregationist Group Lauds Dead Woman

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A militant segregationist group today described Kathy C. Ainsworth as "a wonderful Christian patriot," and said those who knew her should re-

solve that "she shall not have died in vain."

Mrs. Ainsworth, 26, was shot to death early yesterday as Meridian police chased a car from the home of a prominent Jewish businessman. They said the other occupant of the car, Thomas A. Tarrants III of Mobile, Ala., had tried to leave a box of dynamite at the home of Meyer Davidson.

Tarrants was critically wounded. He was charged with attempted murder of a policeman.

A statement issued this morning by Americans for Preservation of the White Race and signed by W. T. Pickel, the president of APWR's Jackson chapter, called Mrs. Ainsworth "exceptionally neat, refined and most intelligent."

It said, "It is incumbent on those who knew her to draw renewed dedication from the memory of her short life, and to firmly resolve that Kathy Ainsworth shall not have died in vain."

Meridian Police Chief C. L. "Roy" Gunn said today that Mrs. Ainsworth's husband was in Meridian yesterday after his wife was killed. Gunn said the husband is a National Guardsman in summer training at Camp Shelby, south of Hattiesburg.